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A Colorado Springs Community Service vehicle is parked near a gay nightclub in Colorado Springs, Colo., Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022 where a shooting occurred late Saturday night.

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## Police: Gunman kills 5 at gay club, is subdued by patrons

By THOMAS PEIPERT and JESSE BEDAYN  
Associated Press

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) —** A 22-year-old gunman opened fire inside a gay nightclub in Colorado Springs, killing five people and leaving 25 injured before he was subdued by "heroic" patrons and arrested by police who arrived within minutes, authorities said Sunday.

Two firearms, including a "long rifle," were found at Club Q after the Saturday night shooting, said Police Chief Adrian Vasquez. On its Facebook page, the club called it a "hate attack." Investigators

were still determining a motive and whether to prosecute it as a hate crime, said El Paso County District Attorney Michael Allen. Charges against the suspect "will likely include first-degree murder," he said.

Police identified the gunman as Anderson Lee Aldrich, who was in custody and being treated for injuries.

A man with that name was arrested in 2021 after his mother reported he threatened her with a homemade bomb and other weapons, authorities said.

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## Lawmakers urge action after report of other high court leak

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee said his panel is reviewing "serious allegations" in a report that a former anti-abortion leader knew in advance the outcome of a 2014 Supreme Court case involving health care coverage of contraception.

The report Saturday in The New York Times followed the stunning leak earlier this year of a draft opinion

in the case in which the high court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, ending constitutional protections for abortion. That decision was written by Justice Samuel Alito, who is also the author of the majority opinion in the 2014 case at the center of the new report.

In the Times story, Rev. Rob Schenck said he learned the outcome of the *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores* case weeks before the decision

was made public. In a 5-4 decision, Alito wrote that some companies with religious objections can avoid the contraceptives requirement in President Barack Obama's health care legislation.

Schenck, who previously headed the group Faith and Action, has said in other recent stories in Politico and Rolling Stone that he was part of a concerted effort to forge social and



Light illuminates part of the Supreme Court building at dusk on Capitol Hill in Washington, Nov. 16, 2022. J

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ministry relationships with conservative justices.

In the Times story, Schenck said the information about the Hobby Lobby decision came from Gail Wright, a donor to his organization who was part of the outreach effort to the justices and who had dined with Alito and his wife. Wright herself denied obtaining or sharing any information in an interview with the Times. The New York Times also published a letter Schenck said he wrote Chief Justice John Roberts in July alerting him to the alleged breach years ago. Schenck wrote that he thought the information might be relevant as part of a probe into the leak of the abortion decision. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said in a statement Saturday that the committee is "reviewing these serious allegations," and he called on fellow members of Congress to pass a bill that would require the high court to adopt a code of ethics. Two fellow Democrats, Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island and Rep. Hank Johnson of Georgia, who chair courts subcommittees, issued a statement calling the Times report "another black mark on the Supreme Court's

increasingly marred ethical record" and said they "intend to get to the bottom of these serious allegations." They too urged passage of a code of ethics.

The Times' story included an emphatic denial by Alito that he'd disclosed the outcome of the case. The court released Alito's full statement to The Associated Press:

"The allegation that the Wrights were told the outcome of the decision in the Hobby Lobby case, or the authorship of the opinion of the Court, by me or my wife is completely false. My wife and I became acquainted with the Wrights some years ago because of their strong support for the Supreme Court Historical Society, and since then, we have had a casual and purely social relationship.

"I never detected any effort on the part of the Wrights to obtain confidential information or to influence anything that I did in either an official or private capacity, and I would have strongly objected if they had done so. I have no knowledge of any project that they allegedly undertook for 'Faith and Liberty,' or any similar group, and I would be shocked and offended if those allegations are true," it said. □

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They declined to elaborate on that arrest. No explosives were found, authorities said at the time, and The Gazette in Colorado Springs reported that prosecutors did not pursue any charges and that records were sealed.

Authorities were called to Club Q at 11:57 p.m. Saturday with a report of a shooting, and the first officer arrived at midnight.

Joshua Thurman said he was in the club with about two dozen other people and was dancing when the shots began. He initially thought it was part of the music, until he heard another shot and said he saw the flash of a gun muzzle.

Thurman, 34, said he ran with another person to a dressing room where someone already was hiding. They locked the door, turned off the lights and got on the floor but could hear the violence unfolding, including the gunman getting beaten up, he added.

"I could have lost my life — over what? What was the purpose?" he said as tears ran down his cheeks. "We were just enjoying ourselves. We weren't out harming anyone. We were in our space, our community, our home, enjoying ourselves like everybody else does."

The gunman was confronted by "at least two heroic people" who fought and subdued the suspect, Vasquez said.

"We owe them a great debt of thanks," he added. Detectives also were examining whether anyone had helped Aldrich before the attack, Vasquez said.

Of the 25 injured, at least seven were in critical condition, authorities said. Some were hurt trying to flee, and it was unclear if all of the victims were shot, a police spokesperson said.

The shooting rekindled memories of the 2016 massacre at the Pulse gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, that killed 49 people. Colorado has experienced several mass killings, including at Columbine High



**Jace Khosla places flowers early Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022, near police tape surrounding Club Q, a gay bar in Colorado Springs, Colo., where a mass shooting took place late on Saturday.**

Associated Press

School in 1999, a movie theater in suburban Denver in 2012 and at a Boulder supermarket last year.

It was the sixth mass killing this month and came in a year when the nation was shaken by the deaths of 21 in a school shooting in Uvalde, Texas.

Club Q is a gay and lesbian nightclub that features a drag show on Saturdays, according to its website. Club Q's Facebook page said planned entertainment included a "punk and alternative show" preceding a birthday dance party, with a Sunday all-ages drag brunch.

Drag events have become a focus of anti-LGBTQ rhetoric and protests recently as opponents, including politicians, have proposed banning children from them, falsely claiming they're used to "groom" children.

Attorney General Merrick Garland was briefed on the shooting and the FBI was assisting police with the investigation.

President Joe Biden said

that while the motive for the shootings was not yet clear, "we know that the LGBTQI+ community has been subjected to horrific hate violence in recent years."

"Places that are supposed to be safe spaces of acceptance and celebration should never be turned into places of terror and violence," he said. "We cannot and must not tolerate hate."

Colorado Gov. Jared Polis, who became the first openly gay man in the United States to be elected governor in 2018, called the shooting "sickening."

"My heart breaks for the family and friends of those lost, injured and traumatized," Polis said. "Colorado stands with our LGBTQ community and everyone impacted by this tragedy as we mourn."

A makeshift memorial sprang up Sunday near the club, with flowers, a stuffed animal and candles and a sign saying "Love over hate" next to a rainbow-colored heart.

Seth Stang was buying flowers for the memorial when he was told that two of the dead were his friends. The 34-year-old transgender man said it was like having "a bucket of hot water getting dumped on you. ... I'm just tired of running out of places where we can exist safely."

Ryan Johnson, who lives near the club and was there last month, said it was one of only two nightspots for the LGBTQ community in conservative-leaning Colorado Springs. "It's kind of the go-to for pride," the 26-year-old said of the club, which is tucked behind other businesses, including a bowling alley and a sandwich shop.

Colorado Springs, a city of about 480,000 located 70 miles (112 kilometers) south of Denver, is home to the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Olympic Training Center, as well as Focus on the Family, a prominent evangelical Christian ministry that lobbies against LGBTQ rights. The group condemned the shooting and

said it "exposes the evil and wickedness inside the human heart."

In November 2015, three people were killed and eight wounded at a Planned Parenthood clinic in the city when authorities say a gunman targeted the clinic because it performed abortions.

"Club Q is devastated by the senseless attack on our community," the club posted on Facebook. "We thank the quick reactions of heroic customers that subdued the gunman and ended this hate attack."

The CEO of a national LGBTQ-rights organization, Kevin Jennings of Lambda Legal, pleaded for tighter restrictions on guns.

"America's toxic mix of bigotry and absurdly easy access to firearms means that such events are all too common and LGBTQ+ people, BIPOC communities, the Jewish community and other vulnerable populations pay the price again and again for our political leadership's failure to act," he said in a statement.

The shooting came during Transgender Awareness Week and just at the start of Sunday's International Transgender Day of Remembrance, when events around the world are held to mourn and remember transgender people lost to violence.

In June, 31 members of the neo-Nazi group Patriot Front were arrested in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and charged with conspiracy to riot at a Pride event. Experts warned that extremist groups could see anti-gay rhetoric as a call to action. The previous month, a fundamentalist Idaho pastor told his small Boise congregation that gay, lesbian and transgender people should be executed by the government, which lined up with similar sermons from a Texas fundamentalist pastor.

Since 2006, there have been 523 mass killings and 2,727 deaths as of Nov. 19, according to The Associated Press/USA Today database on mass killings in the U.S.q

# Justices asked to hear dog toy dispute. Will they bite?

By **JESSICA GRESKO**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The company that makes Jack Daniel's is howling mad over a squeaking dog toy that parodies the whiskey's signature bottle. Now, the liquor company is barking at the door of the Supreme Court.

Jack Daniel's has asked the justices to hear its case against the manufacturer of the plastic Bad Spaniels toy. The high court could say as soon as Monday whether the justices will agree. A number of major companies from the makers of Campbell Soup to outdoor brand Patagonia and jeans maker Levi Strauss have urged the justices to take what they say is an important case for trademark law.

The toy that has Jack Daniel's so doggone mad mimics the square shape of its whisky bottle as well as its black-and-white label and amber-colored liquor while adding what it calls "poop humor." While the original bottle has the words "Old No. 7 brand" and "Tennessee Sour Mash Whiskey," the parody proclaims: "The Old No. 2 on Your Tennessee Carpet." Instead of the original's note that it is 40% alcohol by volume, the parody says it's "43% Poo by



**A bottle of Jack Daniel's Tennessee Whiskey is displayed next to a Bad Spaniels dog toy in Arlington, Va., Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022.**

**Associated Press**

Vol." and "100% Smelly." The toy retails for about \$13 to \$20 and the packaging notes in small font: "This product is not affiliated with Jack Daniel Distillery." The toy's maker says Jack Daniel's can't take a joke. "It is ironic that America's leading distiller of whiskey both lacks a sense of humor and does not recognize when it — and everyone else — has had enough," lawyers for Arizona-based VIP Products wrote the high court.

They told the justices that Jack Daniel's has "waged war" against the company for "having the temerity to produce a pun-filled parody" of its bottle. But Jack Daniel's lead attorney, Lisa Blatt, made no bones about the company's position in her filing. "To be sure, everyone likes a good joke. But VIP's profit-motivated 'joke' confuses consumers by taking advantage of Jack Daniel's hard-earned goodwill,"

she wrote for the Louisville, Kentucky-based Brown-Forman Corp., Jack Daniel's parent company. Blatt wrote that a lower court decision provides "near-blanket protection" to humorous trademark infringement. And she said it has "broad and dangerous consequences," pointing to children who were hospitalized after eating marijuana-infused products that mimicked candy packaging. If VIP Products

is allowed to confuse consumers with dog toys, "other funny infringers can do the same with juice boxes or marijuana-infused candy," Blatt wrote.

The toy is part of a line of VIP Products called Silly Squeakers that mimic liquor, beer, wine and soda bottles. They include Mountain Drool, which parodies Mountain Dew, and Heini Sniff'n, which parodies Heineken. A court in 2008 barred the company from selling its Budweiser parody, ButtWiper.

After the company began selling its Bad Spaniels toy in 2014, Jack Daniel's told the company to stop, but VIP went to court to be allowed to continue to sell its product. Jack Daniel's won the first round in court but lost an appeal. The case reached the Supreme Court at an earlier stage, but the justices didn't bite. Bad Spaniels isn't the only parody puppy toy to draw the ire of the brand it imitated. Luxury bag maker Louis Vuitton sued the makers of Chewy Vuitton over their plush purse dog toys. In 2007 a federal appeals court sided with the chew toy's manufacturers, Nevada-based Haute Diggity Dog. Louis Vuitton didn't appeal to the Supreme Court. □

# Company: Leak at Pennsylvania gas storage well plugged



**This Nov. 7, 2022, photo, released by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection shows a methane leak at a well owned by Equitrans Midstream at their Rager Mountain storage facility near Jackson Township, Pa.**

**Associated Press**

By **MICHAEL BIESECKER**

**Associated Press**

The operator of a natural

gas storage well in Western Pennsylvania says workers have successfully plugged

a leak that had been spewing massive amounts of planet-warming methane into the atmosphere for two weeks. Equitrans Midstream said the well at its Rager Mountain storage facility, located in a rural area about 1.5 hours east of Pittsburgh, was sealed shut with concrete on Sunday. The well had been venting about 100 million cubic feet of natural gas per day since Nov. 6, according to initial estimates. If accurate, that would total more than 1.4 billion cubic feet in methane, equal to the greenhouse gas emissions from burning more than 7,200 tanker trucks of gasoline.

Pennsylvania environmental regulators have issued the company notice of five potential violations of state law. A written statement provided Sunday by Equitrans says the company had verified a 0% gas reading at and around the well. More than 250 feet of cement was pumped into the wellbore above two plugs to ensure venting does not recur, the company said. The Rager facility is in Jackson Township, at the heart of the Marcellus Shale formation that has seen a boom in gas production since the introduction of hydraulic fracturing more than a decade ago. Resi-

dents living as four miles away from the leak told The Associated Press on Friday they could hear the roar of pressurized gas escaping from the well and smell the fumes. Methane's Earth-warming power is some 83 times stronger over 20 years than the carbon dioxide that comes from car tailpipes and power plant smokestacks. Oil and gas companies are the top industrial emitters of methane, which, once released into the atmosphere, will be disrupting the climate for decades, contributing to more heat waves, hurricanes, wildfires and floods. □

## As British voters cool on Brexit, U.K. softens tone towards EU

By JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — The British government on Sunday denied a report that it is seeking a "Swiss-style" relationship with the European Union that would remove many of the economic barriers erected by Brexit — even as it tries to improve ties with the bloc after years of acrimony.

Health Secretary Steve Barclay told Sky News "I don't recognize" the Sunday Times report, insisting the U.K. was still determined to "use the Brexit freedoms we have" by diverging from the EU's rules in key areas. Switzerland has a close economic relationship with the 27-nation EU in return for accepting the bloc's rules and paying into its coffers.

The U.K. government said "Brexit means we will never again have to accept a relationship with Europe that would see a return to freedom of movement, unnecessary payments to the European Union or jeopardize the full benefit of trade deals we are now able to strike around the world."

But despite the denials, the new Conservative government led by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak wants to restore relations with the EU, acknowledging that Brexit has brought an economic cost for Britain. Treasury chief Jeremy Hunt last week



A Union flag waves behind a European Union flag, outside the Houses of Parliament, in London, Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022.

Associated Press

expressed optimism that trade barriers between the U.K. and the EU would be removed in the coming years. Now, according to polling expert John Curtice, 57% of people would vote to rejoin the bloc and 43% to stay out.

When the U.K. was negotiating its divorce from the EU, Conservative governments under Prime Ministers Theresa May and her successor Boris Johnson ruled out remaining inside the EU's borderless single market or its tariff-free customs union. Politicians who wanted closer ties were ignored or pushed aside.

The divorce deal struck by the two sides in 2020 has brought customs checks and other border hurdles for goods, and passport checks and other annoyances for travelers. Britons

can no longer live and work freely across Europe, and EU citizens can't move to the U.K. at will.

The British government's fiscal watchdog, the Office for Budget Responsibility, said last week that leaving the EU has had "a significant adverse effect on U.K. trade."

Yet only recently have members of the government begun acknowledging Brexit's downsides. Hunt, who last week announced a 55 billion-pound (\$65 billion) package of tax increases and spending cuts to shore up an economy battered by soaring inflation, acknowledged Brexit had caused "trade barriers" with the U.K.'s nearest neighbors.

"Unfettered trade with our neighbors is very beneficial to growth," he told the

BBC, and predicted that the "vast majority" of barriers would be removed — although it would take years. Any move to rebuild ties with the EU will face opposition from the powerful euroskeptic wing of the Conservative Party. Even the opposition Labour Party — reluctant to reopen a debate that split the country in half and poisoned politics — says it won't seek to rejoin the bloc, or even the EU's single market, if it takes power after the next election.

Sunak, who took office last month, is a long-time Brexit supporter, but also a pragmatist who has made repairing the economy his top priority. Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which has rocked European security and sent energy prices soaring, has put Brexit squabbles into perspective for politicians on both sides of the English Channel.

Sunak wants to solve a festering feud with the EU over trade rules that have caused a political crisis in Northern Ireland, the only part of the U.K. that shares a border with an EU member nation. When Britain left the bloc, the two sides agreed to keep the Irish border free of customs posts and other checks because an open border is a key pillar of the peace process that ended 30 years of violence in Northern Ireland. □

## 2 volcanoes rumble into action in Russia's far east

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Towering clouds of ash and glowing lava are spewing from two volcanoes on Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula and scientists say major eruptions could be on the way.

The peninsula, which extends into the Pacific Ocean about 6,600 kilometers (4,000 miles) east of Moscow, is one of the world's most concentrated areas of geothermal activity, with about 30 active volcanoes.

The sudden new activity followed a strong earthquake on Saturday, news reports said.

The Russian Academy of Sciences' vulcanology insti-

tute said that at Klyuchevskaya Sopka, which at 4,754 meters (nearly 16,000 feet) is Eurasia's tallest active volcano, as many as 10 explosions an hour were being recorded.

Lava flows and ash emissions also are coming from the Shiveluch volcano, the institute said.

Kamchatka is sparsely populated. The town of Klyuchi, with about 5,000 people, lies between the two volcanoes, 30-50 kilometers (20-30 miles) from each.

The volcanoes are about 450 kilometers (270 miles) from the peninsula's only major city, Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky. □



Flames and smoke billowing during the Klyuchevskaya volcano's eruption on the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia, on March 8, 2021.

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## Mothers of LGBTQ children join forces in Latin America

By DANIEL POLITI

Associated Press

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)** — Fabu Olmedo is so nervous about clubs and restaurants in Paraguay that before a night out she often contacts one to make sure that she'll be let in and won't be attacked or harassed.

Olmedo doesn't know if she can go out in public safely because daily life is hard for transgender people in the capital, Asunción. Now, a new group of allies in Latin America is trying to make life better by changing minds in this socially conservative and often highly religious region.

Founded in 2017, the Latin American Movement of Mothers of LGBTQ+ Children lobbies governments to eliminate prejudicial laws and better enforce existing bans on violence and discrimination.

It's a difficult fight that will require patience and a years of effort but the mothers are working together to help others in their position, and function as a refuge for LGBTQ children whose families are not as supportive.

"It's all about recognizing the strength and power that we have as mothers to accompany our kids and help other families," said Alejandra Muñoz, 62, of Mexico City. Her son Man-



Members of the Latin American Movement of Mothers of LGBTQ+ Children pose for a group photo during a march in Buenos Aires Argentina, Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022.

uel came out 11 years ago and suffered so much bullying at school that he spent recesses with the teachers. "He's constantly at risk of being yelled at or worse in the street because of his sexuality," she said.

Olmedo, 28, said that in July she was barred from an Asunción nightclub with her friends.

"Many times they let you in but there are violent people inside," Olmedo said.

The Latin American Movement of Mothers of LGBTQ+ Children held its first in-person meeting in early November in Buenos Aires, where they attended the

annual massive gay pride march on Nov. 5.

"Our main battle is to make sure our children enjoy the same rights in all of Latin America," said Patricia Gambetta, 49, the head of the Latin American Movement of Mothers of LGBTQ+ Children, which has members in 14 countries and the goal of expanding to all the countries in the region. The work of the mothers is often made more complicated by the enduring power of the Catholic Church, which teaches that gay acts are "inherently disordered." The increasingly popular evangelical

faith also often preaches against same-sex relationships. There are stark differences in the acceptance of sexual minorities across Latin America. Argentina and Uruguay have been regional pioneers in marriage equality and transgender rights. Other countries in the region have yet to institute protections for the LGBTQ population.

Marriage equality became law in all of Mexico's states last month. Honduras and Paraguay both ban same-sex marriage. In Guatemala, a conservative congress has repeatedly tried to pass legislation that would

ban information about LGBTQ people. In Brazil, at the federal and state level there are bills and laws that either ban, or would ban, information about sexual orientation and gender identity, said Cristian González Cabrera, LGBT-rights researcher for Latin America and the Caribbean at Human Rights Watch. And laws often fail to tell the full story.

"Irrespective of what legal regime a youth finds themselves in, prejudice and discrimination in the region continue to be commonplace," González Cabrera said.

Vitinia Varela Mora said that her daughter, Ana María, decided to hide her lesbian identity after seeing other gay students bullied at her school in Tilarán, Costa Rica, which is about 124 miles (200km) from the capital, San José. She came out to her mother at 21.

In some countries, mothers who try to help their children deal with discrimination suddenly find themselves the subject of scrutiny.

Claudia Delfín tried to seek help in government offices for her transgender twins, who were facing bullying and discrimination in their school in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, when they were 16. □

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Brazil Central Bank Governor Ilan Goldfajn speaks at the forum Flexible Inflation Targeting: Advancing the Frontiers of Monetary Policy at the World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings on April 18, 2018, in Washington.

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Latin American governments on Sunday selected Brazilian economist Ilan Goldfajn

to lead the region's largest development bank in the wake of a misconduct probe that led to the firing

## Brazilian economist will lead regional development bank

of the previous president. Governors from the Inter-American Development Bank's 48 members selected Goldfajn to lead the Washington-based multilateral lender from a slate of five candidates nominated by Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico and Trinidad & Tobago.

It follows the firing in September of Mauricio Claver-Carone, who had been the first American to lead the bank in its 63-year history. He was removed after an ethics probe found he likely carried on an intimate relationship with a subordinate.

He denied the allegation. The Inter-American Development Bank is the biggest multilateral lender to Latin America, disbursing last year a record \$23 billion to alleviate poverty made worse by the coronavirus pandemic in the region. The U.S. is the largest shareholder, with 30% of voting rights.

The new president will be tasked with bolstering economies that were hit by the coronavirus pandemic are now suffering from weakening currencies, increasing foreign debt and capital flight spurred by

inflation and rising interest rates in the U.S. and Europe. Last month, the IMF slashed its forecast for growth across the region to 1.7% in 2023 — down from an estimate of 2% made in July.

Gaspard Estrada, director of the Political Observatory of Latin America and the Caribbean at Sciences Po in Paris, said that the return of a Latin American to the helm of the bank should help reduce the polarization that surrounded Claver-Carone's election and make the task of securing additional resources easier. □



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## Aruba once again host of the German-Caribbean Energy Conference

**ORANJESTAD – For the fourth consecutive year, Aruba was the host country for the annual conference German-Caribbean Energy Conference” which took place on the 15th of November 2022.**

During this conference, prime minister of Aruba, Evelyn Wever-Croes had the opportunity to give a speech extending a warm welcome to those participating, as well as thanking the organizers for choosing the island of Aruba once again to host this conference.

During her speech, the prime minister explained that renewable energy and efficient energy are very important topics for islands in the Caribbean, including Aruba. Worldwide, these topics are also receiving a lot of attention in the context of climate change. For the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) around the world, climate change is extremely important seeing the damage that it can cause, particularly on islands in the Caribbean that depend on the tourism sector, are vulnerable to climate change – because a hurricane can deplete more than the annual GDP of a country like Aruba. For this reason, the best option is to avoid the negative

impact of climate change completely, according to a press release.

The prime minister indicated that Aruba, like other SIDS, recognizes its dependence on fossil fuels, which are known to fluctuate in price constantly, carry uncertainty regarding cost of living and economic development. This resulted in Aruba beginning to walk the path to reduce carbon emissions.

This process began before 2009, when the Government together with Utilities companies came together with a strategic plan with the goal of reducing the use of Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO) and carbon emissions. Regretably, this plan was not realized, however, when there was a change in mandate in the government, stakeholders approached the government and urged it to come with a more realistic plan. According to the press release, the Wever-Croes Cabinet has as a priority to reevaluate the investments done until now and reform the energetic vision for Aruba.

For Aruba it is important that during the energetic transition a focus is given to the human being and to align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



of the United Nations. For the energy sector this is also important seeing that energy plays an important role regarding cost of living for the citizens of Aruba.

“Aruba is committed to continue working against the effects of climate change. All change begins from the inside, but only if all islands

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## Aruba welcomed Harmony of the Seas on their first call in Aruba

**Oranjestad – On November 16, 2022, welcomed another Mega Cruise ship in the ports of Aruba. In this case, Harmony of the Seas of the Royal Caribbean Cruise lines made its first call in Aruba.**

It was a busy day with visitors enjoying Aruba's main street and touring the island. The arrival of Celebrity Reflection, Enchanted Princess, and Harmony of the Seas brought over

ten thousand tourists on Wednesday. It shows that we are on the right track to recovering our tourism.

It is remarkable to say that on the route of the cruise ships, the Port in Oranjestad is where ships stay the longest for 15 hours. That means visitors spend more time and money on the economy of Aruba.

Harmony of the Seas is a mega cruise that measures

363 meters long, has 16 floors, runs for 30% on environment-friendly LNG, and has a maximum capacity of 6687 passengers.

Minister of Tourism, Dangui Oduber, stated the importance of having prepared and drenched the Port in time awaiting the arrival of the Mega Cruise ships. The Aruba Port Authority has invested 14 million florins in obtaining the tugboat Colorado to assist these Mega



Cruise Ships when entering the Port. They also invested 1.6 million florins in the drenching of the Port up to

100 meters deep to gain 12 to 13 meters of additional depth. □

## Hospice Atardi celebrates its 4th anniversary

**Oranjestad – On November 17, 2022, the Minister of Tourism and Public Health, Mr. Dangui Oduber, and the Minister of Transport, Integrity, Nature and Elderly Affairs, Mr. Ursell Arends, paid a visit to Hospice Atardi in connection with their 4th anniversary.**

Hospice Atardi offers home care to those in need of this special care. The team consists of volunteers, nurses, and a family physician who provide 24 hours care and support to individuals who are terminally ill and

who are already in their final stages of life. The volunteers help with the daily

personal care, that family members normally provide at home to the patient,



but also a listening ear and have regular conversations with the patient and family.

Hospice Atardi is not possible without the efforts of the nurses and volunteers who work day and night and provide guidance and care. That is why the Minister thanked everyone for their dedication to giving the best available care as a volunteer. "This is emotionally a very tough job which can be very heavy on the

volunteers and nurses, so thank you very much for the effort," Minister Dangui Oduber said. Minister Oduber and Minister Arends showed immense gratitude to all the volunteers, nurses, and all involved with the fourth anniversary of the Hospice Atardi celebration.

If you want to become a volunteer, contact Hospice Atardi, located at Noord Cura Cabay 147, or call 5840085. □



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# “Take your car off the beaten track to meet our monuments and their stories”

ORANJESTAD — The mix of cultures in Aruba is very visible in its architecture as -like in all cultures-, monuments reflect your history and your people. If you take the chance to leave the beach for a little while and take your car off the beaten track you will be surprised what you see. Anne Witsenburg is director of the Monument Fund Aruba (SMFA) and points out precisely why a monumental trip should not lack in your vacation’s itinerary. The fund owns 15 monuments, out of the 36 protected monuments in the island. “But there are over 300 more monuments on the list to be protected and of course we dream to see that become reality as soon as possible.” The international guidelines that apply for monuments decide whether it will be a protected monument or not. “The building or object needs to be at least 50 years old, a special value in architecture or to history or to the people of Aruba is

required and there has to be a certain uniqueness. If it was changed too much throughout time or there are already any of the same kind it is a no go.”

### Useless islands

There is a difference between the islands when it comes to monuments, as Witsenburg explains. “That goes back to their history. Curacao used to be a very wealthy island where many -mainly Dutch- merchants lived close together and that is the reason you find this typical colonial Dutch style buildings packed in certain areas nowadays. They have more than 20 years of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) heritage. Than scattered around the rest of the island you will see the smaller country houses.” Aruba and Bonaire were called the useless islands in the colonial time, so any Indian willing to live here was given a small piece of land to build his home.



“That is the reason you find all these typical small houses scattered around the island. We actually have the same amount of monuments as Curacao though way smaller.”

### Magic local touch

Some of the monuments owned by the Monument Fund Aruba are the light house, town hall, water tanks in both Oranjestad and San Nicolas. “We are wealthy in different styled monuments and my suggestion is to discover this world outside of the tourist zone. The book Monumental Guide comes in handy as there are three maps inside that guide you to the monuments and tell you about them. But there are also possibilities to have your personal people guide. And the best is that I can almost guarantee you the magic of the local touch when you bump into an authentic cunucu house (country house) and talk to the owners. They will proudly share their family history with you.”

### Outside inspiration

The Monument Fund acquires or buys monuments and restores them back into their former glory. Than they rent it out. “That sounds easy, but it is incredibly complex as most monuments have multiple owners due to the fact that inheritances are split and

all need to decide upon the selling.” They cooperate with the government office of monuments because they set the rules of what you can and cannot do to a protected monument. “We also have the task to maintain the buildings which is an ongoing process. The wind, the salt in the air and the sun that not only burns human bodies but also buildings are huge challenges. Next to that we do education, create awareness and maintain public relations about our monuments.”

The office of the Monument Fund is actually located in a monument itself. The building is beautiful and has a tropical style. “This house goes back to the 1920’s when it was built as a vacation house by Aruban entrepreneur Croes. He and his family came here to the outdoors as in those times there was only cunucu (countryside) here. They had big parties and enjoyed leisure time with family and friends.” Richer Arubans at that time looked outwards for architecture inspiration as that was considered chic, Witsenburg explains. Either to the US (art deco style like the water tower in San Nicolas), Holland (Dutch colonial style) or Colombia/Venezuela. “This house is inspired by a villa around Cartagena, Colombia. The

ideas mostly came from the wives”, she says laughing.

### Sustainable driven

Sustainability is a big thing to the Monument Fund Aruba. Witsenburg: “Obviously to restore old buildings and not destroy them to build new ones is already sustainable in itself. Than we have the technical sustainability as in using the right materials and techniques but also the social sustainability. That includes looking at the non-tangible part of heritage: the stories to be told, the music to be played, the dinners that were cooked in the places we try to restore. That keeps it alive. Most of our monuments are meant to be lived in so we would like to reintroduce the joy of living in a monument. We work together with private companies to look into that.” In their office they installed solar panels, use LED lightning and recently implemented an electrical charging point for electric vehicles.

The Monument Fund Aruba is open every day from Monday to Friday from 8am to 5pm. You are more than welcome to ask for information, guiding and help. For more information check out their Facebook page stichting monumenten fonds aruba and the website <http://www.monumentenfondsaruba.com>. □

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# Aruba Dolphins delegation to participate in the XXXIX NACO Invitational

**ORANJESTAD – This week, from 24th to 28th of November 2022, Delfines del NACO is organizing their 34th Invitational in Santo Domingo.**

Team Aruba Dolphins had a very successful year in 2022, winning the title of Champion of Stingray Challenge, the Aruban Championship as well as winning the title of the Aruba Dolphins Invitational.

A delegation consisting of a total of 27 athletes of all

categories of age will be taking part in the NACO Invitational. These athletes have been training rigorously in order to reach their goal and represent Aruba Dolphins in Santo Domingo.

Accompanying the athletes during their trip will be coach Luz Rodriguez and coach Marellys Robles de Medina.

The following athletes will be participating in NACO 2022:

Enzo Croes, Zivah Croes, Tris-

tian Danje, Braynsley Dirksz, Chloë-Nicole Dirksz, Aliyah Estrada, Arvid Farro, Liv Farro, Bobby Gibson, Owen Houtman, Daan Keetlaer, Elizabeth Koolman, Maria Koolman, Aletta Pelger, Anna Pelger, Celine Rob-

inson, Kailani Schwengle, Jayla Stuu, Cianna Tromp, Enrique van den Hengel, Hugo Vroegop, Olav Vroegop, Shandra Vrolijk, Amy Web, Zayron Werleman, Jayrick Winterdal and Jaythan Winterdal.

The board of Aruba Dolphins, the entire team of Aruba Dolphins and the entire family of Curason Blauw (Blue Heart) wishes the athletes success in Santo Domingo! □



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## Cas Princesa thanks and congratulates its new queens

**ORANJESTAD – Cas Princesa Aruba recently held its beauty pageant 2022 at Cas di Cultura, in front of the jury consisting of Maritza Verstappen, Ann Arends, Rudyanne Lejuez, Mirto Tromp, Derrel Lampe and Rose Ann Croes.**

The MC was Addonsito Croes. A total of 11 candidates competed in the three pageants of Princess Beauty, Little Beauty and Pre Teen Beauty 2022.

The show, titled Christmas Gala included great performances by Carolyn Kock, Dayenne Croes, Diamond Dancers and Angelina Salazar.

The results were as following:

- 1) Princess Beauty:  
Winner: Leyni Boekhoudt;  
Runner-up: Carly-Yenne Maduro.
- 2) Little Beauty:  
Winner: Thaheeli Geerman;

Runner-up: Elise Heronimo.

- 3) Pre-Teen:  
Winner: Maya Gordon;  
Runner-up: Qiana Felomina.

Photogenic:  
Leyni Boekhoudt;  
Elise Heronimo;  
Maya Gordon.

Miss Popular: Leyni Boekhoudt;  
Best Hair: Sharely Boekhoudt;  
Miss Social Media: Mia McCollum;  
Mini Miss Friendship: Thaheeli Geerman.

The three outgoing queens, Keivy Winterdaal, Roshny Dairam and Jacy Croes thanked everyone for their support. Also the organizing team under the guidance of Jessica Anthonij thanked everyone for supporting the event. □



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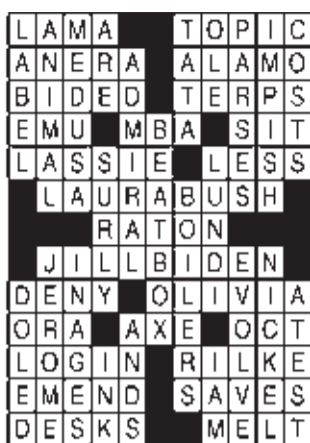
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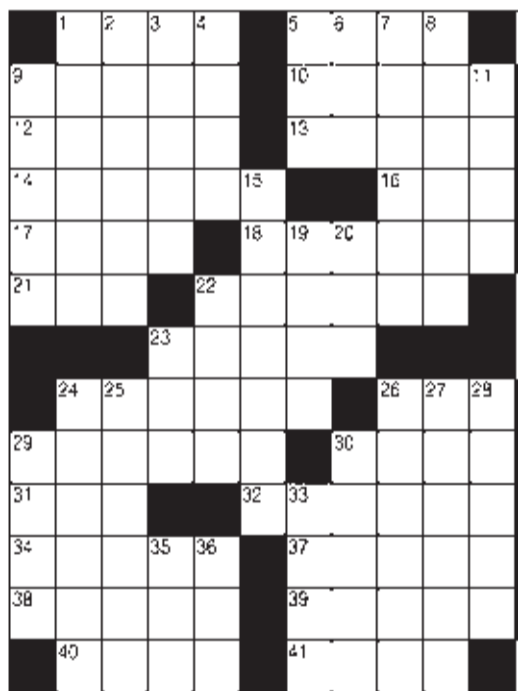
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- 15 Gets littler
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- 20 Dripping
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- 24 St. Francis's home
- 25 Little lizards
- 26 Tarzan's home
- 27 Leg ends
- 28 Stopwatch button
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- 33 Bucket
- 35 "Golly!"
- 36 Ram's mate



**Saturday's answer**



**AXYDLBAXR  
is LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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**CRYPTOQUOTE**

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SU S REJ. — MWQZMH QMSNAH  
Saturday's Cryptoquote: I ALWAYS WONDERED WHY SOMEBODY DOESN'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT. THEN I REALIZED I WAS SOMEBODY.  
LILY TOMLIN

# The busiest days to fly during the winter holidays

By **SALLY FRENCH** of NerdWallet

Most weeks of the year, Fridays are the busiest days to fly, and Tuesdays are the least busy. But during the holidays, that trend doesn't necessarily hold true.

In most years, the Sunday after Thanksgiving is actually the busiest travel day for U.S. airports, according to the Transportation Security Administration, which tracks the numbers of passengers screened daily. Two days before Christmas and one day before Thanksgiving also tend to draw big airport crowds. Here's a breakdown of the best and worst days to fly during the winter holidays, and how you can strategize schedules to avoid crowds and save money.

**THE BUSIEST DAYS TO FLY AROUND THANKSGIVING**

The Sunday after Thanksgiving is brutal for airport crowds. For every 100 people who flew on Thanksgiving Day 2021, there were 177 people flying out on the Sunday after, according to TSA.

That same Sunday was the year's single busiest airport travel day in both 2019 and 2021. In 2020, the busiest days were largely concentrated in January and February, before the widespread impact of COVID-19, which would reduce holiday travel later in the year.

Here's a look at the days surrounding Thanksgiving week over the past three years, ranked in order of most to fewest air travelers at the TSA's U.S. checkpoints:

- Sunday after Thanksgiving (most crowded).
- Wednesday before.



Travelers queue up at the south security checkpoint in Denver International Airport as the Labor Day holiday approaches Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022, in Denver.

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- Saturday after.
- Friday before.
- Monday after (Cyber Monday).
- Sunday before.
- Tuesday before.
- Monday before.
- Saturday before.
- Tuesday after (Giving Tuesday).

- Friday after (Black Friday).
- Wednesday after.

- Thanksgiving Day (least crowded).

Assuming past trends continue in 2022, expect Sunday, Nov. 27, to be the busiest travel day around Thanksgiving, followed by Wednesday, Nov. 23. Even if you fly out one day ahead of the biggest crowds, Saturday, Nov. 26, will also likely be busy.

And this year, crowds will likely be bigger than they were over the past couple of years.

"Thanksgiving travel volumes are looking similar to what we typically saw pre-pandemic in 2019," says Hayley Berg, lead economist at travel booking app Hopper.

**THE BUSIEST DAYS TO FLY AROUND CHRISTMAS**

Christmas airport crowds can be trickier to predict

than Thanksgiving crowds given that the holiday falls on a different weekday each year and that air travel patterns are often dictated by the workweek. But just as the Sunday after Thanksgiving tends to draw huge crowds, the days just after Christmas are wildly popular. And much like how few people travel on Thanksgiving Day itself, relatively few people travel on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

Here's a look at Christmas and the seven calendar dates before and after over the past three years, ranked by most to fewest average air travelers, based on TSA checkpoint data:

- Dec. 27 (most crowded).
- Dec. 23.
- Dec. 20.
- Dec. 26.
- Dec. 30.
- Dec. 19.
- Dec. 29.
- Dec. 22.
- Dec. 28.
- Dec. 21.
- Dec. 18.
- Jan. 1 (New Year's Day).
- Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve).
- Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve).
- Dec. 25 (Christmas Day) (least crowded).

The 2022 holiday travel season will be different because Hanukkah, which begins on the 25th of Kislev in the Hebrew calendar, aligns closely with Christmas. While the eight-day celebration sometimes happens in November or early December, it begins this year on Dec. 18 and runs through Dec. 26. □

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# Webb Space Telescope spots early galaxies hidden from Hubble

By **MARCIA DUNN**  
AP Aerospace Writer  
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(AP) — NASA's Webb Space Telescope is finding bright, early galaxies that until now were hidden from view, including one that may have formed a mere 350 million years after the cosmic-creating Big Bang. Astronomers said Thursday that if the results are verified, this newly discovered throng of stars would beat the most distant galaxy identified by the Hubble Space Telescope, a record-holder that formed 400 million years after the universe began.

Launched last December as a successor to Hubble, the Webb telescope is indicating stars may have formed sooner than previously thought — perhaps within a couple million years of creation.

Webb's latest discoveries were detailed in the Astrophysical Journal Letters by an international team led by Rohan Naidu of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. The article elaborates on two exceptionally bright galaxies, the first thought to have formed 350 million years after the Big Bang and the other 450 million years after.

Naidu said more observations are needed in the

infrared by Webb before claiming a new distance record-holder.

Although some researchers report having uncovered galaxies even closer to the creation of the universe 13.8 billion years ago, those candidates have yet to be verified, scientists stressed at a NASA news conference. Some of those could be later galaxies mimicking earlier ones, they noted.

"This is a very dynamic time," said Garth Illingworth of the University of California, Santa Cruz, a co-author of the article published Thursday. "There have been lots of preliminary announcements of even earlier galaxies, and we're still trying to sort out as a community which ones of those are likely to be real."

Tommaso Treu of the University of California, Los Angeles, a chief scientist for Webb's early release science program, said the evidence presented so far "is as solid as it gets" for the galaxy believed to have formed 350 million after the Big Bang.

If the findings are verified and more early galaxies are out there, Naidu and his team wrote that Webb "will prove highly successful in pushing the cosmic frontier all the way to the brink of the Big Bang."



This image made available by the Space Telescope Science Institute on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, shows a protostar within the dark cloud L1527 embedded within a cloud of material feeding its growth, captured by the James Webb Space Telescope.

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"When and how the first galaxies formed remains one of the most intriguing questions," they said in their paper.

NASA's Jane Rigby, a project scientist with Webb, noted that these galaxies "were hiding just under the limits of what Hubble could do."

"They were right there waiting for us," she told reporters. "So that's a happy surprise that there are lots of these galaxies to study."

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**New England Patriots cornerback Marcus Jones (25) runs past New York Jets punter Braden Mann, left, on his punt return for a touchdown during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022, in Foxborough, Mass. The Patriots won 10-3.**

**By The Associated Press**  
**FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)** — Marcus Jones returned a punt 84 yards for a touchdown with 5 seconds remaining and the New England Patriots stunned the New York Jets 10-3 on Sunday.

The rookie's score was the first TD on a punt return in the NFL this season and broke a stalemate on a day when both offenses struggled to move the ball. It was the third straight win for the Patriots (6-4) and their 14th straight over New York. They also denied the Jets (6-4) a chance to move into first place in the AFC East this late in the season for the first time since 2010. Instead, New York dropped into last place. The Jets haven't won in Foxborough since the 2010 playoffs when they knocked out the Patriots in

the divisional round. The Patriots moved the ball well at times, with Mac Jones completing 23 of 27 passes for 246 yards. But they were 4 of 15 on third down and had only one field goal — with Nick Folk missing two attempts — despite getting inside the Jets 30 three times.

New York sacked Jones six times, but managed just 103 yards of offense. Zach Wilson was 9 of 22 for 77 yards, and Braden Mann punted 10 times.

**BILLS 31, BROWNS 23**

**DETROIT (AP)** — Josh Allen threw a go-ahead, 5-yard touchdown pass to Stefon Diggs late in the first half, and Buffalo beat Cleveland after the NFL moved the Bills' home game to Detroit due to several feet of snow blanketing western New York.

The Bills (7-3) avoided blow-

ing a third straight halftime lead by scoring on all five of their possessions in the second half and doing a better job protecting the ball.

Cleveland (3-7) rallied within eight points, setting up an onside kick in the final seconds that the Browns failed to recover.

The Bills scored a second-half touchdown for the first time in four games on Devin Singletary's 5-yard run. They also stopped Jacoby Brissett's sneak on fourth-and-1 from the Buffalo 27 and blocked a field goal in the third quarter while building a 22-10 lead. Brissett finished 28 of 41 for 324 yards — two shy of his career high — and a season-high three touchdowns.

Allen was 18 of 27 for 197 yards with a touchdown and no turnovers after

**Associated Press**

## Jones returns punt for TD to give Pats 10-3 win over Jets

throwing six interceptions over the past three games.

**EAGLES 17, COLTS 16**

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — Jalen Hurts ran for an 8-yard touchdown with 1:20 remaining and Philadelphia rallied past Indianapolis.

Coming off their first loss of the season, the Eagles (9-1) trailed 13-3 in the fourth quarter. Hurts threw for a touchdown early in the period to get Philly within three. The third-year quarterback was 18 of 25 with 190 yards through the air and rushed 16 times for 86 yards as the Eagles won their seventh straight road game. Indianapolis (4-6-1) never trailed until Hurts' scoring run. Interim coach Jeff Saturday evened his record at 1-1 since taking over for the fired Frank Reich. Indy had a chance for a game-winning drive, but it stalled before the Colts could get to midfield and they turned it over on downs.

The Colts drove 75 yards on their opening drive and went ahead on Jonathan Taylor's 1-yard TD run. But Indy could only manage three field goals after that.

**LIONS 31, GIANTS 18**

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)** — Jamaal Williams ran for a career-high three touchdowns and Detroit stunned New York.

The Lions (4-6) posted consecutive road wins and

their first three-game winning streak since November 2017. Until last week, Detroit had not won a road game under second-year coach Dan Campbell.

Williams ran for a 4-yard TD and two 1-yard scores and the Lions' much-maligned run defense shut down NFL leading rusher Saquon Barkley and forced three turnovers on a cold, blustery day. Rookie defensive end Aidan Hutchinson, the No. 2 overall pick in the draft, intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble to help set up 14 points. Jared Goff and the Lions' offense didn't have a turnover for the second straight game. The mistake-prone Giants (7-3) got 3-yard touchdown runs by Daniel Jones and Matt Breida. Jones also threw a meaningless late TD to Richie James but also was intercepted twice, his first picks since Week 3. He went 27 of 44 for 341 yards. Goff finished 17 of 26 for 165 yards with Amon-Ra St. Brown catching seven passes for 76 yards. The Lions had 163 yards rushing led by Justin Jackson (66) and Williams (64). Barkley finished with 22 yards on 15 carries.

In other NFL games it was ATLANTA 27, CHICAGO 24; BALTIMORE 13, CAROLINA 3; NEW ORLEANS 27, LOS ANGELES 20 and WASHINGTON 23, HOUSTON 10

## Djokovic matches Federer's record with 6th ATP Finals title

**TURIN, Italy (AP)** — Novak Djokovic claimed a record-equaling sixth ATP Finals title by beating the third-seeded Casper Ruud on Sunday to top a fantastic finish to the season for the Serb.

Djokovic won 7-5, 6-3 to secure his first title at the event since 2015 and match Roger Federer's record.

The 35-year-old Djokovic, who had lost his two previous finals at the event,

raised his arms out and smiled broadly after sealing the match with an ace.

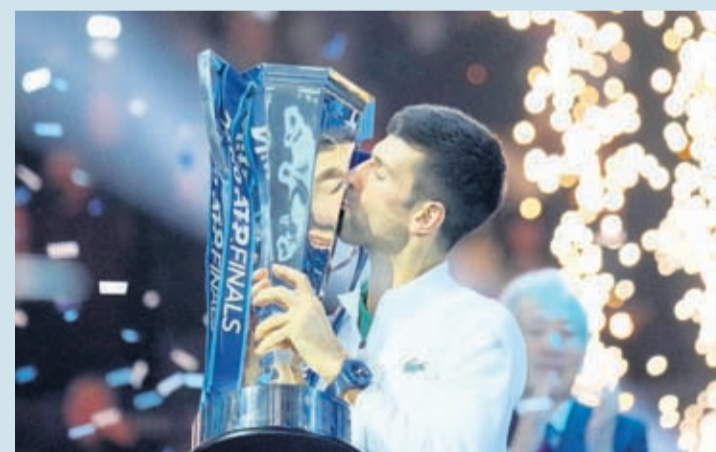
"Seven years has been a long time," Djokovic said. "At the same time, the fact that I waited seven years makes this victory even sweeter and even bigger.

"A lot of nerves ... I missed a couple of forehands in the last game when I was serving for it. I had nerves, but I am really grateful

to be able to serve the match out. I had a big ace to close out.

Djokovic became the oldest champion at the prestigious year-end tournament and also earned the largest payday in tennis history as he walked away with \$4.7 million for claiming the ATP Finals trophy undefeated.

It was Ruud's fourth defeat in a major championship match this year after also losing finals at Miami, Ro-



**Serbia's Novak Djokovic poses with his trophy after defeating Norway's Casper Ruud 7-5, 6-3, in the singles final tennis match to win the ATP World Tour Finals at the Pala Alpitour, in Turin, Italy, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022.**

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land Garros and the U.S. Open. Ruud has never won a set against Djokovic in four meetings.

## Lydia Ko wins LPGA finale for record \$2 million payout

**NAPLES, Fla. (AP)** — Lydia Ko never won more in one day than on Sunday in the CME Group Tour Championship, where she claimed the richest prize in women's golf at \$2 million with a victory that allowed her to win LPGA player of the year. Ko outlasted Leona Maguire of Ireland in the final round, seizing control with a 7-foot birdie putt on the 16th hole and closing with 2-under 70 for a two-shot victory.

Unflappable in a strong but occasional wind, Ko wiped away tears when she tapped in for par on the final at Tiburón Golf Club.

"There was a lot of things on the line today," Ko said. "I really wanted to play the best golf I can. I knew it would be a tough battle, especially with how tough the conditions were."

The \$2 million prize took her season earnings to just over \$4.3 million, leaving her \$591 short of the Lorena Ochoa's record for single-season earnings set in 2007. Ko clinched the points-based award for LPGA player of the year for the second time, and she won the Vare Trophy for the second straight year for having the lowest scoring average.

Player of the year and the Vare Trophy are each worth one point, along with the victory, giving her 25 points toward the 27 points needed for the LPGA Hall of Fame.

The 25-year-old Kiwi, tied with Maguire at the start of the final round, took her first lead with a birdie on the par-3 eighth hole. Ko still led by one shot when she hit her tee shot just short of the flag on the par-3 16th and made the 7-foot birdie putt.

Ko two-putted from 25 feet for birdie on the par-5 17th to keep her lead at two shots going to the final hole, and she played it safe from there.

Ko finished at 17-under 271 and won the LPGA Tour finale for the second time. Her first title in the CME Group Tour Championship was in 2014 when she was 17 and already becoming

a dominant figure in women's golf.

Ko is on the verge of the LPGA Hall of Fame at age 25, a testament to how good she has been for so long.

"I'm glad the photo I won in 2014 with my glasses can be updated," Ko said.

She ends the year with three victories — her first multiple-win season since 2016 — and had nine other finishes in the top five.

Maguire's hopes began to fade when she hit a fairway metal so thin on the par-5 14th that it didn't cross the hazard. She took a penalty drop, still couldn't get to the green into the strong wind and had to get up-and-down with a wedge to salvage bogey.

Ko, however, hit her sec-



**Lydia Ko, of New Zealand, watches her shot from the third tee during the final round of the LPGA CME Group Tour Championship golf tournament, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022, at the Tiburón Golf Club in Naples, Fla.**

ond shot off the side of a hill and into the hazard, and she also made bogey to keep the lead at one shot. Maguire shot 72 to finish second. That was worth

**Associated Press** \$550,000 from the \$7 million purse. Anna Nordqvist had a 67 to finish third.

Ko heads into the offseason with plans to get married. "This is my last tournament

as a single lady," she said with a laugh at the trophy presentation.

She now has 19 career victories — the first one was 10 years ago in Canada when she was a 15-year-old amateur, making her the youngest to win an LPGA Tour event. □

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great selection of international wines to compliment your dish. Kids will enjoy every item of the specially compiled kids menu and there are also optional dishes for all vegans, vegetarians and gluten-free guests. To end the culinary voyage with some luscious sweetness, the desserts are wild. From a piece of coconut flan, NY cheese cake, carrot cake, chocolate brownie or our classic Tiramisu with kahlua and amaretto served with chocolate sauce and coffee jelly. Not to mention the fresh and light piece of key lime pie.

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